

Dear Students and Parents,

Hello! My name is Mr. Patel and I am excited to be back this year at the Busan Foreign School! I'm from Chicago, IL and attended DePaul University, which is where I received my Bachelor Degree in History and Marketing as well as a Master's Degree in Education. I know this is going to be a great year and I am sure I will learn from you just as much as you will learn from me.

This course will offer a detailed understanding of the development the United States through social structures, political parties, interactions with people and environment, cultural developments and economic interests. In addition students will become familiar with the U.S. constitution, military policies and domestic policies the U.S. has had throughout history and the rationales behind them. Finally all students will study and understand the role the United States plays in the global world today.

Students will be assessed through homework, quizzes, tests, individual/group projects, a midterm exam and final exam. Students are required to keep a notebook for their notes and an organized folder/binder for all other items related to U.S. History. Students must complete reading and homework as assigned.

GRADING SCALE

100 - 97 = A+	89 - 87 = B+	79 - 77 = C+	69 - 67 = D+	59 - 0 = F
96 - 93 = A	86 - 83 = B	76 - 73 = C	66 - 63 = D	
92 - 90 = A-	82 - 80 = B-	72 - 70 = C-	62 - 60 = D-	

Homework = 25%

Quiz = 20%

Project: 25%

Test = 30%

As we study U.S. History throughout this school year there are a few things I am going to expect from you as individuals. These expectations are not negotiable and must be followed from the time you enter my classroom to the time you leave.

Students will be expected to but are not limited to:

- Make attendance a priority → Excessive tardies/absences will result in a drop in a full grade
- Be respectful of each other at all times
- Do not interrupt myself or your classmates while speaking
- Raise you hand to share your thoughts
- Be on time, prepared and ready to work
- Think critically, creatively and with open minds
- Speak only English unless otherwise given approval by Mr. Patel

Make-Up Work:

- If you miss a day you may come before or after class/school to find out what you have missed
- You are responsible for everything you missed in class that day
- I will not try to find you to give to you your make up work
- If you miss a quiz/test you have (3) school days to make up the quiz/test
- You will not be allowed class time to make up tests
- If you are here for test day then you will take the test even if you missed the review day
- Your make-up exams are not necessarily the same as the exam given on exam day
- Any other situations will be discussed on a case-by-case basis and I will make the final decision

Cheating/Plagiarism:

- I will absolutely not tolerate cheating or plagiarism
- The result of cheating will be an automatic zero, parent contact, and a referral to the office
- Your personal integrity and honor are important. Don't defile them through cheating

It is only fair if I have these expectations for you that you have expectations from me. It is my job as your educator to create a safe and encouraging work environment. I will push you to be your best at all times because each and every one of you is a capable young adult.

Students can expect Mr. Patel to be:

- **A teacher who brings value to your education**
- **A student centered educator**
- **Punctual regarding grading your assignments or giving you feedback**
- **A guide in the learning process not a lecturer**
- **Fair, honest and respectful**
- **A motivator of life-long learning and being a global citizen**

If you have any concerns or comments please feel free to email me at anytime.

I can be reached at mpatel@bfs.or.kr and will do my very best to return your email within 48 hours. By signing below I acknowledge the expectations Mr. Patel has for me as well as what I can expect from Mr. Patel during the school year.

Student Name (Print)

Parent Name (Print)

Student Name (Signature) and Date

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